

July 1, 2011

2011-12 July 1 General Aid Estimate

Each July 1, the department is required, per Wis. Stat. sec. 121.15(4)(b), to provide districts with an estimate of the upcoming year's General Aid. General Aid includes Equalization, Special Adjustment, and Special Transfer (Chapter 220) Aid. The estimate for 2011-12 is based upon data from the following sources:

1. Audited 2010-11 district membership on file at the department. The online detail membership report is found on each district's home page within the School Financial Services (SFS) Reporting Portal on the team's home web page located at <https://www2.dpi.state.wi.us/safr>.
2. 2010 School Aid Values certified to districts in May, 2011 (TIF-Out + Computer Value). Reorganization adjustments that become effective July 1, 2011 are not included, but will be included on the October 15 certification of aid eligibility worksheet. District values are located under "Property Valuations" on the left hand scan bar of the SFS Team home web page or directly at <http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sfs/propval.html>.
3. 2010-11 Budget Report (PI-1504) Shared Cost as of June 17, 2011. The online Budget Report can be found under "Financial Data Home" on each district's home page within the SFS Reporting Portal on the team's home web page located at <https://www2.dpi.state.wi.us/safr>
4. General Aid appropriation funding of **\$4,261,954,000** per 2011 Wisconsin Act 32.

Note that this aid calculation is an estimate based upon the best information available as of July 1, 2011. On October 15, 2011, the department will certify General Aid for 2011-12 using district 2010-11 PI-1505-AC (Aid Certification) data, as verified by school district auditors on the PI-1506-AC. The October 15 General Aid Certification must be used in district 2011-12 revenue limit calculations. These determine 2012 tax levies certified in Fall, 2011.

The July 1, 2011-12 General Aid estimate worksheets are available on the team's website under "Worksheets" on the left hand scan bar or directly at http://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/aid_worksheets.html. Use the pull down menu on the Excel worksheet to access your district's aid estimate. Note that this aid estimate incorporates the 2010-11 October/Final adjustments. A 2011-12 blank Excel Equalization Aid worksheet with the July 1 estimate is available under "Worksheets" on the left hand scan bar or directly at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/workexe.html>.

Districts may wish to view an analysis of their General Aid eligibility over time. This analysis entitled "Longitudinal Analysis of General Aid and Equalization Aid Formula Components," is located at http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sfs/buddev_eq.html.

2011-12 Revenue Limit Calculation Worksheet Updated

The 2011-12 revenue limit calculation worksheet has been updated to incorporate the July 1 General Aid estimate on line 12A and the High Poverty Aid estimate on line 12B. Note that the data on line 12A will change again when the department issues the October 15 Aid Certification this fall.

Earlier, the 2011-12 worksheet was revised to include data from the final 2010-11 Revenue Limit computation. It also includes the most recent data on file from districts, including eligible carryover, referenda as reported to DPI and changes made in the recently-passed 2011-13 Biennial Budget. The SFS Team will continue to add information to the 2011-12 revenue limit worksheet as new information becomes available.

The 2011-12 revenue limit worksheet is located under “District Budget Development and Planning” on the team’s website or directly at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/revlimworksheet.html>.

Reminder: This worksheet is provided as a guide. Districts are responsible for the calculation of their revenue limit under state law.

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